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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, US, YS

SUBJECT: U.S. RELATIONS WITH PDRY

REF: KUWAIT 3866

1. YOU COULD TELL KUWAITI FONMIN IN CONFIDENCE THAT USG IS EXPLORING POSSIBILITY OF IMPROVING RELATIONS WITH PDRY, IN LINE WITH ADMINISTRATION'S DESIRE TO SEEK IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH THOSE NATIONS WITH WHICH OUR RELATIONS ARE AT PRESENT EITHER UNSATISFACTORY OR NON-EXISTENT. YOU COULD RECALL UNDER SECRETARY HABIB'S VISIT TO IRAQ IN MAY. PDRY IS ONLY OTHER ARAB COUNTRY WHICH BROKE RELATIONS WITH U.S. AND HAS NOT YET RE-ESTABLISHED THEM.

2. STRESSING NEED FOR KEEPING THIS IN STRICT CONFIDENCE, YOU COULD SAY THAT WE HAVE APPROACHED PDRY TO EXPLORE INTEREST IN HIGH-LEVEL MEETING TO DISCUSS POSSIBILITIES FOR IMPROVING RELATIONS. WE HOPE SUCH MEETING CAN BE
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ARRANGED BUT NOTHING HAS BEEN SET THUS FAR. YOU COULD ADD THAT WE WILL KEEP KUWAIT'S INTEREST IN MIND AND KEEP IT INFORMED OF FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS. MEANWHILE, WE BELIEVE ANY PREMATURE PUBLICITY COULD HAVE NEGATIVE EFFECT ON OUR EFFORT TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH PDRY. VANCE

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